

REMARKS

In the communication of June 20, 2003, the Examiner required applicant to clearly point out the patentable novelty the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited.

The specification has been amended to provide a description of Figure 38.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 26-33 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. These claims have been cancelled and new claims have been entered. Also, the Examiner rejected claims 26-33 as being obvious over Hawkins in view of Johnston. The Examiner stated that Hawkins discloses the invention as claimed except for a continuous peripheral flange as a means by which adjacent modules may be secured together to form a continuous formwork. The Examiner stated that Johnston discloses modules having a continuous peripheral flange and it would have been obvious to provide such a feature with Hawkins so that adjacent modules could easily be assembled together.

Claim 34 recites removable fastening means for temporary fixing the first and second wall sections with respect to the rigid elongated members. No such fastening means are disclosed by Hawkins or Johnson. In addition, the claims recite means for temporarily securing the peripheral flange of adjacent modules to form a formwork for a concrete wall. Bars 16 disclosed by Johnston for attaching peripheral flanges of modules are permanently secured as shown in Figure 4.

Claim 44, the only other independent claim, recites a plurality of ties extending between first and second wall sections and clips attached to the ties allowing reinforcement members to be secured relative to the wall sections. The ties 37 of Hawkins have no such clips and rely upon wire arrangements 45 to secure reinforcing members.

No fees are due and owing, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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